



# Red Hat Honeys



The Fond du Lac Senior Center Chapter of the Red Hat Society

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## *What's Buzzin'* ...News of the Red Hat Honeys

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

for these upcoming Red Hat activities:

**Sat - Mar 17<sup>th</sup> – “St. Pat’s Lunch”** at Faro’s.  
Dutch treat ~ corn beef and cabbage or off the menu.

**Thurs – Mar 22 – Red Hat Honeys Lunch & Meeting** at the Senior Center.

**Thurs - Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – “Winter’s Almost Over”**  
lunch at Pizza Ranch. All you can eat buffet for \$10 per person.

**Fri - Apr 20<sup>th</sup> – Royal Rummy for Dummies is back!** Fun at the Senior Center.

**“April Showers” at Gift & Gab** in Peebles.  
More info as it’s available.

**Thurs – Jul 5<sup>th</sup> – 1-Day Mystery trip**  
\*accessibility restrictions

**October “Hobo” Halloween Party** at the Park

**Additional details will be in future newsletters or in the 3-ring binder at the front desk.**

### St. Pat’s Lunch Faro’s Restaurant

(Pioneer Rd.) St. Patrick’s Day –

**Saturday, March 17**

11:30 a.m. Cocktails / Noon lunch.  
Order corn beef and cabbage or order off the menu. Registration deadline: March 14

Hostesses: Lorna Kloetzke, Carole Shaw, and Donna Draves.



### Red Hat Honeys Meeting

**Thursday, March 22** ~ Optional Senior Center Dining Program lunch at 11:45 a.m. (Dutch treat) Meeting at 12:45 p.m. Open to all Red Hat Honeys and anyone interested in finding out more about the Fond du Lac Senior Center’s Red Hat Society Chapter. Dessert will be served at the meeting. Please contact the Senior Center at 322-3630 to register by March 19.



The purpose of this meeting is to discuss upcoming activities, reminisce about past events, brainstorm future possibilities and encourage hostesses to step

forward. ***This is a repeat of the meeting held Feb 23 – if you were unable to attend.*** A third meeting will be held later to discuss the feedback and any pending actions resulting from the meetings on February 23 and March 22 meetings.



## “Winter’s Almost Over!”

Lunch at the **Pizza Ranch** all-you-can-eat buffet will be the setting for (hopefully!) the end of winter party on **Thursday, March 29, at 11:30 a.m.**

Pizza Ranch is located out by Menards off of W. Johnson. \$10 per person covers the pizza, hot dish, salad and dessert bars, plus ice cream! Also included is your soda or coffee. Limit: 30  
Registration deadline: March 8.  
Hostesses: Gen Stratz, LaVerne Kabat, Gloria Pfeifer and Cathy Stratz



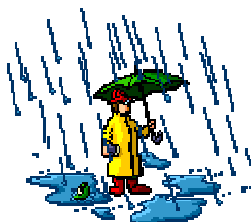
## “Royal Rummy”

is back! Bring a friend (she does not need to be a Red Hatter) The party will be held in Room 4 of the Senior Center on **Friday, April 20, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.**

Remember, “any dummy can play rummy” – it’s easy to learn and great fun to play. Cost: \$1.00  
Registration deadline: April 18.  
Hostesses: Gail Zimmerman, LaVerne Kabat and Cathy Stratz

## April Showers Party

To be held at **Gift & Gab Restaurant** in Peebles.  
Hostesses Vivian Gorden, Judi Walters, and Patti Werdin will provide additional information for next month’s newsletter.



## 1-day Mystery Trip

**Thursday, July 5  
7 a.m. – 7 p. m.**

*Due to numerous steps and ramps throughout*

the day, there are **accessibility restrictions on participating** (ex: walkers, wheelchairs or other health concerns). Meet the bus at ‘Northwest Fabrics’ (parking area next/east of Younkers). Breakfast bag on the bus. Trip will have a stop(s) for Dutch treat meal(s). Trip cost is TBD at this time. More info later. Limit: 30

Hostesses: Myra Wilhelms and her daughter Lynn Ziegler.



## Hobo Halloween Party & Chili Dump

at Lakeside Park. “Stay tuned” for

more details on this October event.

Hostess: Donna Jean Trapp

From Wikipedia: A hobo is a migratory worker or homeless vagabond, especially one who is penniless. The term originated in the Western—probably Northwestern—United States during the last decade of the 19th century. Unlike 'tramps', who work only when they are forced to, and 'bums', who do not work at all, 'hobos' are workers who wander.

<http://hobo.com/museum/symbols.html>

*Please remember to complete the “Red Hat Honeys Hostess Planner” sheet when scheduling an event so that all pertinent information is available for inclusion in the “What’s Buzzin” newsletter the way and with the information you want advertised.*

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## Good Deeds Gals News

The Good Deeds Gals have decided they will provide a “**Spring Fling**” at the Lincoln House on **May 8**. Residents will be potting spring flowers and enjoying “dirt cake” and drinks. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 17, at 10:00 a.m.** in Room 4. Please feel free to stop in and see if it’s something you’d like to join. ☺

## Umbrella Brigade News



The Umbrella Brigade will blow away the cold of winter by bringing their cheer and merriment to residents at **Grancare on Wednesday, March 14, at 2 p.m.** Other

Red Hatters are welcome to come & cheer them on.

## Happy Birthday(s) to:



*Belated to Bette Arnold ~ Feb 5<sup>th</sup>*

*Marge Gordon ~ Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Betty Patterson ~ Mar 2<sup>nd</sup>*

*Darlene Perrizo ~ Mar 9<sup>th</sup>*

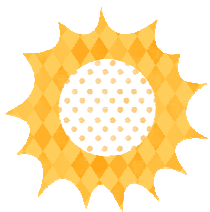
*Vivian Gorden ~ Mar 16<sup>th</sup>*

*Myra Wilhelms ~ Mar 31<sup>st</sup>*

**Please let us know your birthday so we may  
celebrate you too ☺**

## Red Hat Chorus

The Red Hat Chorus is getting back on track following the death of their Director/Piano Player in December. Gail Zimmerman (also Director of the Bell Chime Choir) kindly started us on the spring trail until a replacement Director could be found. The Chorus thanks Gail and welcomes Eva Thelen as their new Director and Pat Siekierke as their Piano Player. Practices have resumed on Fridays at 9:45 a.m. The first sing-out is scheduled for April. New members welcome.



## From the Sunshine Committee:

Red Hat Honey's "Get Well Soon" wishes to Barbara Lukas following hip replacement surgery (yes, she's doing well) and Donna Charneski following her recent foot surgery (Donna is now recuperating at home). Sr. Angie Behen is undergoing treatment for a kidney stone - may this too pass. Gloria Pfeifer (new member) is healing from head trauma suffered from a fall on the ice in January - her daughter, your editor, has now broken her writing arm, also having slipped.

**Be careful, all you Honeys!**

Approximately 14 Red Hat Honeys Chorus members paid their farewells to Esther Blakely (long time Red Hat Honey and 1<sup>st</sup> soprano voice in the chorus). Mary Ann Mand kindly played the piano. The family thanked the Red Hatters for coming. It was heartwarming to see how much Esther's Red Hat Honeys' membership meant to her by items and pictures on display at her visitation on Feb 21<sup>st</sup>. May your beautiful voice now accompany the angels.

Something lovely from Esther's service:

*When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has  
set on me, I want no rites in gloom-filled room.*

*Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little - but  
not too long and not with your head bowed down.*

*Remember the love that we once shared; miss me -  
but let me go. For this is a journey that we all  
must take and each must go alone. It's all part of  
the Master's plan, a step on the road back home.*

**Please call Cathy S. (920)517-3634 or email -  
[catstratz@charter.net](mailto:catstratz@charter.net) for input, ideas, birthdates  
or email addresses (to receive your newsletter via  
email verses picking up at the Senior Center).**



**PLEASE BE WELCOMING TO  
ALL SISTER RED HATTERS  
(NEW, CURRENT, PAST OR  
VISITING) IN OUR CHAPTER  
WHEN THEY ATTEND AN  
ACTIVITY. WE WANT  
EVERYONE TO ALWAYS FEEL  
"BEARY" WELCOME!**

## Community Cares

The Senior Center's "Community Cares" program is starting an Adopt-a-site drive. Looking for Red Hat Honeys to adopt a facility for a once a month visit. You may only be called on (in rotation) once a year or so. Please contact Dottie for more info.

**Editor's Warm Fuzzy:** This was part of an email received from a fellow RH Sister (thanks for allowing me to use it) and I hope you agree it's a nice thing to share.

## **SISTERS**

A young wife sat on a sofa on a hot humid day, drinking iced tea and visiting with her mother. As they talked about life, about marriage, about the responsibilities of life and the obligations of adulthood, the mother clinked the ice cubes in her glass thoughtfully and turned a clear, sober glance upon her daughter..

'Don't forget your sisters,' she advised, swirling the tea leaves to the bottom of her glass. 'They'll be more important as you get older. No matter how much you love your husband, no matter how much you love the children you may have, you are still going to need sisters. Remember to go places with them now and then; do things with them.'

'Remember that 'sisters' means ALL the women ...your girlfriends, your daughters, and all your other women relatives too. 'You'll need other women. Women always do.'

What a funny piece of advice!' the young woman thought. Haven't I just gotten married? Haven't I just joined the couple-world? I'm now a married woman, for goodness sake! A grownup! Surely my husband and the family we may start will be all I need to make my life worthwhile!

But she listened to her mother. She kept contact with her sisters and made more women friends each year. As the years tumbled by, one after another, she gradually came to understand that her mother really knew what she was talking about. As time and nature work their changes and their mysteries upon a woman, sisters are the mainstays of her life.

After more than 50 years of living in this world, here is what I've learned: (this says it all)

Time passes.

Life happens.

Distance separates.

Children grow up.

Jobs come and go.

Love waxes and wanes.

Men don't do what they're supposed to do.

Hearts break.

Parents die.

Colleagues forget favors.

Careers end.

BUT..... Sisters are there, no matter how much time and how many miles are between you. A girl friend is never farther away than needing her can reach.

When you have to walk that lonesome valley and you have to walk it by yourself, the women in your life will be on the valley's rim, cheering you on, praying for you, pulling for you, intervening on your behalf, and waiting with open arms at the valley's end.

Sometimes, they will even break the rules and walk beside you....Or come in and carry you out.

Girlfriends, daughters, granddaughters, daughters-in-law, sisters, sisters-in-law, Mothers, Grandmothers, aunties, nieces, cousins, and extended family: all bless our life!

The world wouldn't be the same without women, and neither would I. When we began this adventure called womanhood, we had no idea of the incredible joys or sorrows that lay ahead. Nor did we know how much we would need each other.

Remember that 'sisters' means ALL the Women.